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JFK Worry: Selecting CIA Chief

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WASHINGTON — The selection of a new director for the super-secret Central Intelligence Agency is turning out to be one of President Kennedy's toughest problems.

Since the CIA directed the ill-fated Cuban invasion, the President has been tugged and pulled in opposite directions in picking a successor for CIA Director Allen Dulles.

One powerful faction within the Administration wants the President to name a CIA head that will continue the policies and methods of intelligence gathering of Dulles.

Also, they are bitterly opposed to any over-all shake-up of the CIA.

Headed by McGeorge Bundy, special assistant to the President, and including Dulles and Walt Rostow, deputy to Bundy, this group is recommending:

Paul Nitze, Undersecretary of Defense for International Affairs; Telford Taylor, prosecutor at the Nuernberg war criminal trials and a Reserve Brigadier general now practicing law in New York; Fowler Hamilton, Wall Street lawyer and one time Rhodes scholar, and Bundy.

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Until this week, the President was all set to name Hamilton, a close friend of Adam Yarmolinsky, a special assistant to Defense Secretary McNamara, and one of the most powerful men in government today. The Hamilton selection was shelved after a key Democrat in the Senate warned the President that the New York lawyer's nomination would touch off a bitter Senate confirmation battle.

The Bundy-Dulles group is also preparing a promotion for Richard Bissell, the planner of the Cuban debacle.

HOUSE CLEANING

The other group, favoring a major shake-up in the CIA, is urging the President to pick Dulles' successor from one of the following Army Generals:

Lieutenant General Arthur Trudeau, chief of Army Research & Development and former Army G-2; General Matthew Ridgway, former Army chief of staff and brilliantly successful commander of United Nations forces in Korea, and General James Gavin, now Ambassador to France.

This group consists of General Maxwell Taylor, the President's military adviser; General Alfred Gruenther, president of the American Red Cross; Senator Henry Jackson, D., Wash., a close personal friend of the President; Acting Speaker John McCormack, D. Mass.; Representative George Miller, D., Calif., chairman of the House Space Committee, and Senator Styles Bridges, R., N. H., chairman of the Senate GOP Policy Committee.

They argue that it is time that the bumbling and inept CIA be completely house cleaned and its worldwide intelligence operations greatly strengthened.

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